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March 25, 1998 OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mr. David Waddell **Executive Secretary** Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re:

Application of Nashville Gas Company, a Division of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, for Approval to Defer Year 2000 Compliance Project Costs and for Establishment of a Regulatory Asset Account for the Recovery of Such

Costs in a Subsequent General Rate Case

Docket No. 98-00064

Dear Mr. Waddell:

At the TRA's March 24, 1998 conference, the Directors deferred consideration of the abovecaptioned matter to April 7, 1998 to provide Nashville Gas Company an opportunity to make certain information available to the Authority and to give Nashville Gas Company a chance to have counsel present.

The purpose of this letter is to request the Authority to postpone consideration of this matter from April 7, 1998 to its next conference on April 21, 1998. I am counsel for Nashville Gas Company in connection with this matter and I am obligated to be in Arkansas on April 7 to attend annual shareholder and directors meetings that have been scheduled for quite some time. Due to the nature of these two meetings, it is critical that I be in attendance. The two-week extension would also provide Nashville Gas Company more time to provide the information requested by the Authority.

Please telephone me at the above number if you have any questions about this request.

I am enclosing an additional copy of this letter that I would appreciate your stamping filed and returning in the enclosed envelope.

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